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For: Microbiological Method for Producing Petroleum Hydrocarbons from Solid Fossil Fuels Oil Tars and Products of Biological

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 9 & 11-18, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.